

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-66 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-66 are subject to a Restriction Requirement requiring the election of one of the following groups of claims:

Group I, claims 1-5, 50, 52, 54-56, 58 and 60 drawn to a method of using vaults as carrier molecules; or

Group II, claims 6-8 and 36-42, drawn to vault-like particles comprising MVP; or

Group III, claims 9-35, 36-45, drawn to vault-like particles comprising modified MVP;
or

Group IV, claims 46-49, drawn to a method of preventing damage by one or more substances by sequestering the substances within vaults; or

Group V, claims 51, 53, 57 and 59, drawn to a method of delivering a substance to an organism comprising use of vaults with modified MVP; or

Group VI, claims 61-62, drawn to a method of detecting a signal from a sensor within an organism; or

Group VII, claims 63-66, drawn to a method of making vault-like particles with unmodified MVP; or

Group VIII, claims 63-66, drawn to a method of making vault-like particles with modified MVP.

In response, Applicant elects the claims of Group I, claims 1-5, 50, 52, 54-56, 58 and 60 drawn to a method of using vaults as carrier molecules for examination on the merits and cancels claims 6-49, 51, 53, 57, 59 and 61-66. This election is made without traverse.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes all pending claims, claims 1-5, 50, 52, 54-56, 58 and 60 are now in condition for examination. If, however, there remain any issues that can be resolved by telephone with the Applicant's representative, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication, if such fees are due, to Deposit Account No. 19-2090.

Respectfully submitted,

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